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MEMORANDUM FOR []

1. I refer to the statement made by the Greek Prime Minister at the time of the announcement of the formation of the Committee for Free Albania. As you may know, this statement was made as a result of representations of our Embassy, Athens, to the Greek Prime Minister and Foreign Office with regard to the Albanian Committee. It may also have come to your attention that the Greek Government in the days following the Committee's announcement has made a number of official and semi-official comments in favor of the Committee. As a result it has occurred to us that it would be timely and appropriate for the Albanian Committee to make some public acknowledgement of the friendly attitude of the Greek Government.

2. We would like to suggest therefore that you prevail upon the members of the Albanian Executive Committee while they are under your control in London to issue a public statement expressing their gratitude at the welcoming statements of the Greek Government, and particularly to that portion of the Greek Prime Minister's statement which said that Greece would press any claims it may have against Albania only by peaceful means and within the framework of the United Nations.

3. We would also suggest that the Executive Committee take advantage of this proposed statement to include some declaration to the effect that their aims for Albania include peaceful, just and harmonious relations with all neighboring states.

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